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1. In early July 1954, Lieutenant Colonel Gallus was commanding officer of the 5th PS Brig in Cheb. Gallus stated that the brigade engaged in border guard duty in the border section between Hof and Mahring (N 50/P 45). One Senior Lieutenant Zeman served as interpreter. 1
2. On 13 July, work on the strip of no-man's-land south of the Varnsdorf railroad station by Czech border guard personnel had discontinued. The strip appeared to be neglected. Railroadmen in the Varnsdorf area stated that a unit with guns had been recently stationed in Stary Varnsdorf. The unit allegedly engaged in firing practices with live ammunition in the vicinity of Stary Varnsdorf. 2

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Comment. The information confirms the 5th PS Brig with Lieutenant Colonel Gallus. The area of the brigade also covers a portion of the Soviet Zone border.

Comment. This information confirms observations by another source. A military unit in Stary Varnsdorf is reported for the first time.

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